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SUBJECT: COPPER EXHIBIT/SEMINAR DECEMBER 9-11

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1. COMOFF MET TODAY WITH DAVYDOV AND HIS BOSS V.P. RAKOV, CHIEF OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGY, TO DISCUSS POST-SEMINAR TOUR.

2. SOVIETS EXPLAINED MINISTRY HAD RECEIVED LETTER FROM ANACONDA'S NATHANIEL ARBITER (WHO IS WELL KNOWN TO MINISTRY SPECIALISTS) REQUESTING POST-SEMINAR VISITS TO NON-FERROUS METALLURGY RESEARCH INSTITUTES IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD. IN VIEW OF ARBITER'S INTEREST, SOVIETS PROPOSED THAT INTERESTED FIRMS VISIT MOSCOW'S STATE INSTITUTE OF NON-FERROUS METALS (GITSVETMET) ON FRIDAY AFTER SEMINAR, TRAVEL TO LENINGRAD ON SATURDAY, VISIT LENINGRAD'S INSTITUTE "MEKHONOB" ON MONDAY, RETURN TO MOSCOW ON TUESDAY, AND LEAVE USSR THAT SAME DAY.

AS MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD INSTITUTES' SPECIALTIES ARE HYDROMETALLURGY AND BENEFICIATION/CONCENTRATION RESPECTIVELY, DAVYDOV ASSUMED THAT ANACONDA, MCKEE AND GENERAL MILLS WOULD WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN MOSCOW PROGRAM WHILE ONLY ANACONDA AND POSSIBLY MCKEE WOULD WISH TO VISIT INSTITUTE "MEKHONOB" IN LENINGRAD. RAMPACEK AND LUCYK CORDIALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN ENTIRE PROGRAM. FIRMS WULD MAKE OWN HOTEL AND PLANE RESERVATIONS AND PAY OWN COSTS - THUS RELIEVING THEM OF OBLIGATION TO PAY COSTS

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OF RETURN SOVIET DELEGATION.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THIS PROGRAM APPEARS SOMEWHAT LESS ATTRACTIVE THAN PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED VISITS TO ORE PROCESSING PLANTS, EMBASSY THINKS IT WILL BE INTERESTING AND COULD BE COMMERCIALY REWARDING. REQUEST THEREFORE THAT BEWT/TPD CANVASS PARTICIPATING FIRMS AND LET US KNOW WHICH REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN EACH PART OF PROGRAM SO THAT WE CAN INFORM MINISTRY.
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